

RE: WT Docket No. 01-289, FCC 13-2

I would like to comment on the FCC proposed intent to ban 121.5 MHz Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs) in aircraft. I fly my own plane for business travel and pleasure, and it is currently equipped with a 121.5 MHz ELT. If I am forced to purchase the required replacement 406 MHz replacement ELT, it will be yet another increase in the cost of flying a general aviation aircraft that will curtail my use of my aircraft and reduce the effectiveness of my substantial investment in obtaining and maintaining my ability to fly. The immediate impact will be justifying to my wife the purchase price and installation costs for the new 406 MHz ELT.

Since my 121.5 MHz ELT equipment is still operating, and is being monitored voluntarily by pilots across the country, I do not see the need to eliminate my working ELT system and switch wholly to a new technology that will also be obsolete in a few years.

Please do not force retirement of the older 121.5 MHz ELTs, but allow both systems to continue in use as they almost certainly will be joined by even newer technology for aviation in coming years. Do not add additional financial burdens to general aviation operators.

Thank you,

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